

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CHINESE GOODS IN INDIAN MARKET
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether despite anti-dumping measures, Government could not stop the entry of Chinese goods into Indian markets;
- (b) if so, whether due to large dumping of Chinese goods, most of the domestic industries are on the verge of closure;
- (c) if so, whether affected domestic industrialists have met him and submitted their demands;
- (d) if so, the details of their demands; and
- (e) the further action being taken by the Government to protect the domestic industries and also to stop the dumping of Chinese goods into the Indian markets?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

- (a) Anti-Dumping measures are not against import of goods from any country including China but are imposed as a trade distortion removal measure to provide a level playing field to the domestic industry when faced with unfair trade practices.
- (b) to (d) Domestic industries affected by dumping approach the Directorate General of Anti-Dumping & Allied Duties (DGAD) Anti-Dumping measures are initiated and decided in accordance with our national law as enshrined in Section 9, 9A & 9B of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 (as amended in 1995) when the domestic industry files with the DGAD a fully documented petition with sufficient evidence of dumping, injury and a causal link between the dumping of the imported goods and injury. So far 46 cases have been initiated concerning imports from China of which final definitive anti-dumping duty has been recommended in 31 cases, preliminary findings have been recommended in 9 cases, 5 cases are under investigation for preliminary findings and one case was terminated after initiation for want of evidence of injury.
- (e) Some of the measures taken by the Government to combat the threat of dumping including from China are as follows:
 - (i) Import duties on a number of items have been increased in recent past including in the Budget of 2001-02.
 - (ii) A Standing Group has been constituted for tracking, collating and analyzing data on sensitive items, which are of importance to the public. The Government is monitoring import of 300 sensitive items.
 - (iii) Import of all packaged commodities will be subjected to compliance of the conditions of the Standards of Weights and Measures (Packaged Commodity) Order, 1977, as applicable to domestic producers.
 - (iv) Import of 131 products has been made subject to compliance of the mandatory Indian quality standards as applicable to domestic goods. For compliance of this requirement, all manufacturers / exporters of these products to India shall be required to register themselves with Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS).
 - (v) Import of all food products will be subjected to compliance of all the provisions of Food Adulteration Act (PFA) and rules thereunder.
 - (vi) The course of Safeguard duties is also available to domestic industries to check any surge in imports.
 - (vii) The Government has taken various steps to speed up the Anti-Dumping investigation, streamline the procedures and provide quick relief to the domestic industry which inter-alia include immediate initiation of investigations on submission of fully documented petition, recommending Preliminary Findings early to provide immediate relief to the domestic industry and holding of Seminars/ Workshops/ Interactive sessions all over the country to make people aware of the Anti-Dumping rules and procedures.